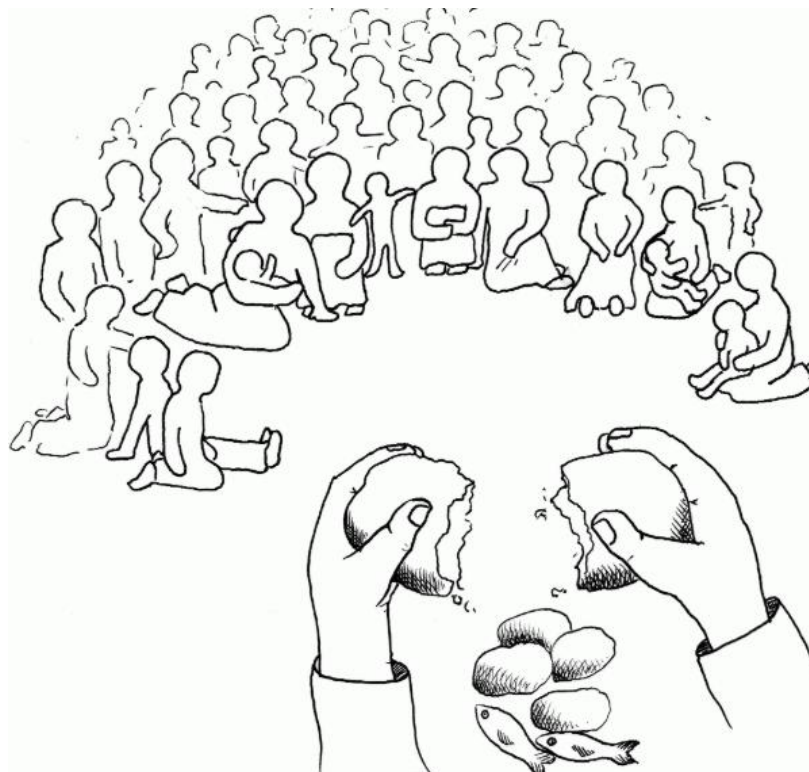




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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
MORNING PRAYER
Sunday, August 2, 2026

Levas p. 109 **Opening Hymn: “What A Friend We Have in Jesus”**

Officiant: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. [*Psalm 43:3*]

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

In thought, word, and deed,

By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

That we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

To the glory of your Name. Amen

Officiant:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All Stand

Officiant: Lord open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People together: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

The Jubilate

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;*

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;*

He himself has made us, and we are his; we are the people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;*

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;*

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

The Psalm Appointed: Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22

- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING: A Reading from the book of Isaiah [Isaiah 55:1-5]

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you
shall run to you,
Because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 9: The First Song of Isaiah

*1 Salvation comes from God the Lord
And I will trust Him without fear:
My stronghold and my sure defense,
My Savior who is always near.*

*2 Draw water from salvation's springs,
And on that day your joy proclaim,
Give thanks to God, make known his deeds,
And call upon his holy name.*

*3 Exalt God's Name, the Holy One
Has done great things for us to tell;
Zion, ring out your joy and praise,
The Holy One of Israel.*

*4 All Glory to the Father, Son,
And to the Holy Spirit be,
As from the first it was, is now,
And will be for eternity.*

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THE SECOND READING: A Reading from the Book of Romans [Romans 9:1-5]

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.

They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 16: The Song of Zechariah

*1 Now bless the God of Israel,
Who comes in love and pow'r.
Who raises from the royal house
Deliv'rance in this hour.*

- 2 *Through holy prophets God has sworn
to free us from alarm,
to save us from the heavy hand
of all who wish us harm.*
- 3 *Remembering the covenant,
God rescues us from fear,
That we might serve in holiness
And peace from year to year.*
- 4 *And you, my child, shall go before
To preach, to prophesy,
That all may know the tender love,
The grace of God most high.*
- 5 *In tender mercy, God will send
The dayspring from on high,
Our rising sun, the light of life
For those who sit and sigh.*
- 6 *God comes to guide our way to peace,
That death shall reign no more.
Sing praises to the Holy One!
O worship and adore!*

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All Stand

ALLELUIA

The Gospel According to St. Matthew [Matthew 14:13-21]

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.”

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

DWELLING IN THE WORD

All Stand

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BCP, p. 388 The Prayers of the People, Form IV

Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, pour down your Holy Spirit upon this Parish, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, a new consecration to your service so that, through our renewed witness, your Holy Name may be glorified and your Kingdom advanced; may hearts be touched and lives changed through the witness of St. Matthew's. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
For all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
But above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we
may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,
By giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and
righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory
throughout all ages. Amen.*

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our
common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of
them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us
in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hymnal p. 711 Closing Hymn: “Seek Ye First”

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

EXCHANGING THE PEACE

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

*The Sanctuary Candle is offered today
in honor of Linda Gerding's mother - Esther LaRose*

Birthdays we celebrate this week:

Charles Cease – August 8th

Sundays in August

August 9th Mother Mary Margaret Saxon will celebrate the Eucharist

August 16th – St. Matthew's Morning Prayer

August 23rd – Mother Mary Margaret Saxon will celebrate the Eucharist

August 30th – St. Matthew's Morning Prayer